

PAC Subcommittee Meeting
October 20, 2003
Siuslaw National Forest Headquarters
1 p.m.

Attendees: Trish Hogervorst, Ron Phillips, Alan Henning, Bob Turner (guest), Joni Quarnstrom, George Buckingham

Bob Turner presented an overview on the Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot.

What is the most significant difference between now and new authority? Receipts. Moves control up to Regional Forester level, and not realizing the collaborative effort.

Non-traditional purchasers and contractors are available to work.

Rennie: Urge the Coast PAC to make a recommendation: Some of the limitations on the Stewardship program are jeopardizing the entire effect of Stewardship.

Suggestions:

- 1) Are there any proposed guidelines that will increase agency cost? Prescription marking.
- 2) Special forest products – receipts added back into business plan.
- 3) Trust building aspect – monitoring element needs to come out of receipts.

The above three focus on cost savings, and the ability to improve watersheds.

PAC can make recommendations to keep the process more in line with guidelines.

George hopes that what works best for flexibility in every area, is allowed.

PAC focus needs to be on interpreted guidelines to national rules/guidelines. Will there be a public comment period to regional guidelines? Have Bob find out if interim direction in Forest Service manual were identified in the federal register for public comment?

Will the Regional or State Offices publish another set of guidelines, and can the public comment on them?

Bob will let people know the Coast PAC is interested in commenting on Stewardship guidelines, and when is the appropriate time for the group to comment? Will there be a draft, and when can the PAC comment?

Some discussion followed about whether PAC is considered non-public, and could they comment on guidelines Bob is looking at.

How do we find out what final regulations are now?

It's worth exploring interim guidelines – Invite someone from the Regional Office, and Siuslaw Watershed Council and meet with them.

Ask Bob to come to PAC meeting and ask what Bob would like to retain and what do you hope would change.

Coast PAC feels most strongly about Stewardship than anything in last five years.

We see this as an opportunity to play a key role within a specific province.

- 1) Rennie gives background on subcommittee meetings.
- 2) Bob – retain/not retain
- 3) national regs – contacting correct legislative people/sending a letter to the right person.

Joni sends out revised notes on stewardship program.

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